

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14. Unchanged claims are included for the convenience of the Examiner.

1. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:
a sensor; and
a display, power to which is to be decreased by dimming brightness level in response to a detection of absence of a user by the sensor.
2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the power to the display is to be increased by increasing brightness level in response to a detection of presence of a user by the sensor.
3. The system of claim 2, wherein the power is to be decreased in response to expiration of a time out value.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein the power is to be decreased in response to the expiration of a time out value.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the sensor is an infrared thermal sensor.
6. The system of claim 1, wherein the sensor is an acoustic sensor.

7. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

providing a computer system with a sensor to detect absence of a user; and
enabling power to [be decreased to] a display of the computer system to be decreased in response the sensor detecting absence of a user, wherein decreasing includes dimming brightness level of the display.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising enabling power [to be increased] to the display to be increased in response to the sensor detecting presence of a user, wherein increasing includes turning up brightness level of the display.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising enabling power [to be decreased] to the display to be decreased in response to a time out value expiring.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising enabling power [to be decreased] to the display to be increased in response to a time out value expiring.

11. The method of claim 7, wherein providing the computer system with a sensor includes providing the computer system with an infrared thermal sensor or an acoustic sensor.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein enabling power to the display to be decreased includes coupling a controller to the sensor, the controller to receive a signal from the sensor and to control power to the display.

13. (Currently Amended) A machine readable medium including machine readable instructions that, if executed by a computer system, cause the computer system to perform a method comprising:
determining if a user is absent; and
decreasing power to a display of the computer system if it is determined that the user is absent, wherein decreasing includes dimming brightness of the display.

14. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises increasing power to the display if it is determined that the user is present, wherein increasing power includes turning up brightness of the display.

15. The medium of claim 14, wherein the method further comprises decreasing power to the display if a time out value expires.

16. The medium of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises decreasing power to the display if a time out value expires.

17. The medium of claim 13, wherein decreasing power to the display comprises powering off the display.